MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON**APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

2:30 p.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representative Hammel.

An invocation offered as a moment of personal reflection was given.

Under Chairman's remarks, Chairman Cushingberry announced that there would be a joint committee meeting scheduled between the Standing Committees on Appropriations and Tax Policy for Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Representative Cheeks moved to excuse the absent Member. Without objection Representative Hammel was excused.

Chairman Cushingberry laid SB 176 before the committee:

SB 176 Cherry Health facilities; other; appropriated amount of quality assurance assessment collected; increase.

Senator Cherry testified before the committee in support of her legislation.

Representative Sak moved to report SB 176 with recommendation

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss. NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting, the time being 2:40 p.m.

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